

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 30th April 2017

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## IRTS Contests

The contest manager, Joe EI7GY, has asked us to include two reminders in this week's bulletin. Firstly, a final call to participants in the Easter Monday 70cms and 2 metres counties contests who have not yet submitted a contest log: tomorrow, Monday 1st May, is the latest date for log submission. Logs should go to contestmanager /at/ irts.ie and please indicate the contest section being entered when submitting a log.

The other reminder is about the upcoming 40 metres counties contest, which takes place on Sunday next 7th May from 12:00 to 14:00 UTC. There are SSB only and SSB/CW mixed mode sections in the contest for both fixed and portable stations as well as an SWL section. To encourage more CW activity in the mixed mode sections, CW QSOs earn double points. There is also a mixed mode section for stations using one of the nine Wild Atlantic Way special call signs, presenting a good opportunity for stations to fill in any gaps they have in their quest for the Wild Atlantic Way award. See [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) for details.

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## Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 29th June in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Some applications have already been received and as numbers are limited those intending to sit the examination should apply soon. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) .

Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

It is important to note that even If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Monday 12th June.

Four Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available on the Downloads section of the website at [www.irts.ie/downloads](http://www.irts.ie/downloads) under "Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate". These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination. Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination

especially Annexes 1 and 2.

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### **Lough Erne Rally Sunday 14th May 2017**

The 36th Lough Erne Radio Rally will take place at the SHARE Centre, near Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh BT92 0EQ on Sunday 14th May. Doors open at 11.30am. For more information and to book tables contact Mark EI4HDB QTHR.  
[www.learc.eu](http://www.learc.eu)

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### **Wexford Wireless Club**

On Wednesday 3rd May Steve EI4KM will give a talk and a small demonstration about Amateur Television (ATV) at the club meeting at 8.30pm sharp. All club members or anyone interested are welcome to attend.

Wexford Wireless Club hold weekly meetings every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 10pm in Gorey Scout Hall just off Esmonde Street in Gorey, County Wexford. Everyone is very welcome

For more information about the club please contact the club secretary Michael Fitzgerald EI9GGB at QTHR or send an email to [Wexfordwirelessclub /at/ live.ie](mailto:Wexfordwirelessclub/at/live.ie)

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### **Malta latest to arrive on 5 MHz**

The Malta Communications Authority – the island's telecomms regulator published its new National Frequency Plan (NFP) in April 2017. This includes the new WRC-15 60m amateur secondary allocation of 5351.5 to 5366.5 kHz. Maximum power permitted is 15W EIRP

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### **DX News**

Christoph DL1YAF will be QRV holiday style from Lord Howe Island signing DL1YAF/VK9L from 1st to 8th May. He will operate on 80m 10m CW and SSB. This one counts as OC-004 for the Islands on the Air Award. QSLs go via the home call.

S79J will be aired by Ivan LZ1PJ from Mahe Island in the Seychelles from 2nd May until 10th May. Activity will be on CW on the HF bands and 6m. QSL to the home call.

Martin MW0BRO has obtained a visitor's licence to operate as A7/MW0BRO in Qatar. He will be there from 4th to 18th May and will be transmitting from the Qatar Amateur Radio Society club station in Doha. He plans to be mainly on CW 80 - 10m. QSL to his home call.

Gab HB9TSW will operate from Slatina Air Base in Pristina, Kosovo from 4th to 23rd May. He will use CW on 40m to 10m and sign Z68BG. QSOs with Kosovo do not count for the DXCC Award at the present time.

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### **IRTS Technical Panel**

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems.

Send your question to irtstech /at/ irts.ie. Provide as much information as possible, including details of attempts already made to deal with the issue in question.

[www.irts.ie/irtstech](http://www.irts.ie/irtstech)

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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